

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS

The Department of Parks and Recreation manages, maintains, and operates all parks and recreation facilities of the city; develops and implements programs for cultural and recreational activities; and beautifies the public streets of the City. Its mission is to enhance the leisure lifestyle and quality of life for the people of Oahu through active and passive recreational opportunities.

BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board consists of nine members, who are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The board advises the mayor, the City Council, and the director on matters relating to recreation and cultural activities and associated facilities. The current members are: Donald Takaki, Chair; Hugh Yoshida, Vice Chair; Dennis Agena; Cecilia Blackfield; Wilbert Ching; Richard Haru; Dorothy Hoe; Gary Pacarro and Joan Raines.

EXECUTIVE SERVICES DIVISION

This division provides administrative and management support and personnel services to the department concerning overall park operations and systems, including: 1) budget, (2) planning, (3) park use permits, (4) storeroom and property inventory control, (5) management analyses, (6) personnel transactions, (7) labor relations, (8) collective bargaining issues, (9) training, (10) safety programming and (11) payroll preparation.

Duties and Functions

Develops, monitors and reviews the department's operating budget and related management activities including expenditure plans and revenue projections, and prepares recommendations relating to park capital improvement projects (CIP).

Processes the department's requests for operating expenses, supplies and equipment; reviews projects, programs and services in terms of operating requirements; and prepares recommendations to resolve capital and operating budgetary issues.

Administers the department's vehicle preventive maintenance program; processes environmental impact statements and Federal annual grant applications for park land acquisition and improvements.

Develops personnel policies and procedures, reviews and advises on personnel actions, advises divisions on labor relations and collective bargaining matters, administers employee training and safety programs to include civil defense activities, and provides payroll preparation function.

Parks Planning

Secured preliminary approval of a \$660,000 land and water conservation fund reimbursable grant for proposed \$1.4 mil Geiger Community Park play field and play court improvements.

Park Permits Section

Coordinates, monitors and reviews issuance of public park use permits; collects applicable fees and charges; develops, amends, repeals and reviews park rules and regulations; and addresses park enforcement issues in cooperation with the other city and state regulatory agencies.

Total permits issued in fiscal year 2006 represents a 52% reduction from the previous fiscal year. The reduction of permits issued is attributed to the four months of excessive rain in February to May and subsequent notable sewage spills along the south and windward shores.



Park Permits staff assists customers in obtaining a camping permit at the Park Permits Office, 650 South King Street, Honolulu Municipal Building.

 Picnic
 Camping
 Athletic
 General
 Total

 4,989
 9,179
 1,186
 3,558
 18,912



Inventory control and storekeeping staff of Executive Services confirm supply inventory.

Property Management

Coordinates, monitors and reviews the department's property inventory control practices; maintains records in accordance with the City's policies and procedures; places emphasis on staff responsibility and accountability for equipment items; and continues to implement an efficient system for delivery of park supplies and materials.

The property inventory unit processed more than \$837,000 of equipment acquisitions and 2990 pieces of equipment disposals. The storeroom operations procured, stocked and issued over \$480,800 worth of supplies to the various line divisions.

Management Analyses

Amended departmental administrative rules relating to carnivals in city park properties. Up-dated various internal policies and procedures and uploaded the documents to the department network server for on-line access by

department staff. Processed a one-year extension to the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve educational agreement with University of Hawaii Sea Grant program.

Budget Management

The Purchasing Unit issued and processed 3,184 confirming purchase orders and 122 purchase requisitions.

SUMMARY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR FISCAL 2005-2006 OPERATING BUDGET

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<u>Program</u>	Adjusted Operating Appropriation	Expenditure and Encumbrances				
Administration	\$ 1,674,041	\$ 1,481,819	\$ 192,222			
Urban Forestry Program	6,548,266	6,064,776	483,490			
Maintenance Supt Svcs	5,278,056	5,069,837	208,219			
Park Maintenance	19,648,907	18,500,866	1,148,041			
Recreation Services	19,047,405	18,218,864	828,541			
Total	\$ *52,196,675	\$ 49,336,161	\$ 2,860,541			
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	AND ENCUMBRANCES BY	CLASSIFICATION				
Classification	<u>Amount</u>	Expenditure	<u>Balance</u>			
Salaries & Wages	\$ 34,280,881	\$ 31,842,684	\$ 2,438,197			
Current Expenses	17,748,669	17,409,198	339,471			
Equipment	167,125	84,279	82,846			

^{*}Includes provisional funds for pay raises

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FUNDED BY FEDERAL AND STATE OPERATING FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006

	Fund		Expenditure and	
<u>Programs</u>	<u>Source</u>	Grant Award	<u>Award</u> <u>Encumbrances</u>	
Summer Food Service	Federal	\$ 300,000	\$ 219,993	\$ 80,007
Waipahu Learning Ctr	Federal	78,500	0	78,500
Office of Youth Svc	Federal	50,300	17,657	32,643
Healthy Hawaii Initiative	State	200,000	65,315	134,685
Mayor's Lei Day Prog	State	40,000	0	40,000
Total		\$ 668,800	\$ 302,965	\$ 365,835

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006

		Expenditures and	
Account	<u>Appropriation</u>	Encumbrances	<u>Balance</u>
Other Donations	\$ 107,427	\$ 29,601	\$ 77,826
Clearance Account	316,536	250,354	66,182
Permit Deposits	308,953	247,798	61,155
Fall Session Paani	92,909	76,085	16,825
Lester Mccoy Pavilion	1,250,532	6,216	1,244,316
Summer Fun Clearance	381,427	333,567	47,860
Spring Session Paani	130,999	104,289	26,711
Summer Fun Clearance	105,249	7,661	97,587
Kaimuki Reservoir	1	0	1
Research Projects	408	0	408
City Beautify	10,606	0	10,606
Surf Sites	294,540	0	294,500
Waikiki Beautify	36,230	0	36,230
Botanical Gardens	39,439	10,070	29,368
Executive Center Park	100,000	0	100,000
Ehukai/Pupukea Improvements	182,792	0	182,792
Total	\$3,358,048	\$ 1,065,640	\$2,292,408

REVENUE AND OTHER COLLECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 $\,$ REVENUE

Federal and State Grants	Reve	nue
Waipahu Learning Center	\$	0
Summer Food Service Program	219	,993
Healthy Hawaii Initative	124	,621
Office of Youth Service	47	,472
Mayor's Lei Day Program	32	,000
Charges for Services and Fees		
Service Fee - Dishonored Checks		920
Witness Fee		0
Hanauma Bay Admission	3,208	,935
Hanauma Bay Parking	206	,400
Community Gardens	33	,025
Duplicated Copy of Any Record		6
Culture Recreation		
Kitchen	9	,655
Dumpster	5	,600
Scuba/Snorkeling	21	,900
Commercial Windsurfing	2	,440
Commercial Filming	28	,250
Summer Fun Program	189	,375
Fall and Spring Programs	33	,000
Foster Botanical Garden	108	,132
Perquisite Housing		0
Attendant Services	264	,873
Total Revenues	\$4,536	,597

Personnel Services

The Personnel Services Section develops personnel policies and procedures; reviews, processes and advises on personnel actions, labor relations and collective bargaining matters; maintains employee files and records of payroll preparation activities.



Staff inputs department employee time and attendance information into city's payroll system.

PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS 2004-2006 (REGULAR AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE)

Types of Personnel Transactions	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06
New Hires	27	38	64
Separations	55	62	59
Promotions/Reallocation Requests	24	61	60
Disciplinary Actions Reviewed	114	79	86
Grievances – Step 1.2.3 & 4	30	55	24



Executive Services staff conducts orientation at Kapolei Hale for new employees of the department.

Training Section

The effective utilization of enhanced multi-media for all of departmental training requirements continues. Advanced technological changes are continuously being pursued. This past year's budget allowed for the purchase of a new laptop computer and projector. Access to DIT training programs at the district/division levels is being actively pursued. Outside resources are still utilized when specific training is not available within the City structure. The new Crane Operator Certification and Rigging and Safety training that was mandated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is now being conducted by city employees. .

Seven updated training sessions on labor relations was conducted pursuant to applicable policies, collective bargaining agreements, and ordinances. All managers and supervisors attended at least one of the sessions. Also, HGEA Drug and Alcohol Training was completed and the HGEA Reasonable Suspicion and Random Testing Programs were implemented.

Minor problems with the training database still remain but are being addressed as they occur by DIT staff. Supervisory staff was also very receptive to the Performance Evaluation follow-up training for supervisory staff continues.

There was a significant increase in the number of employees trained and number of courses in the safety category. Despite the slight decrease in the number of training hours, all technical/specialized training were completed.

TRAINING DATA

	No. of Courses		No. of Em	No. of Employees		Training Hours	
Training Category	FY05	FY06	<u>FY05</u>	FY06	<u>FY05</u> <u>F</u>	Y06	
Management/Supervisory	39	38	684	857	1794 24	478	
Technical/Specialized	326	201	2238	2243	6621 5	318	
Safety	237	234	3912	3126	5850 79	921	

Safety Section

Sixty-five scheduled, unscheduled, and requested safety inspections were conducted on Park Maintenance and Recreation Services facilities throughout Districts I, II, III, IV and V; Horticulture Services, Botanical Garden, Maintenance Support Services and Recreation Support Services facilities.

Final inspections were conducted for the installation of new buildings, play courts, ball fields and composite play structures. Semi-annual department safety committee meetings were conducted and safety training sessions held to instruct employees on safety inspection techniques. Staterequired HIOSH survey/information from OSHA 300 logs were completed and development of a new Department Emergency/Crisis Management Plan continues.

Safety/Accident and			
njury Statistics	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06
HIOSH Violations	14	0	5
Safety Inspections	121	161	65
Lost-Time Employee Injuries/Illnesses	102	66	82
No Lost-Time Employees Injures/Illnesses	96	63	54
Park Users/Participant Injuries	137	82	80



Swanzy Beach Park was one of many facilities inspected by the department.

Civil Defense

The department is a member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, the Project Impact Committee, the Strategic National Stockpile Points of Distribution Site Selection Committee and the Public Building Security Committee. Meetings for these committees were attended by the department civil defense coordinator.

Department staff attended a Statewide Hurricane Exercise. Division and District Disaster and Emergency Response Plans were updated. Tropical Storms and Hurricanes were tracked on the internet and information disseminated. Information on high winds, high surf, and flash flood warnings was also disseminated. DPR facilities were opened as Red Cross shelters due to the heavy rains and flooding in the spring. DPR staff has been conducting damage assessments and working with FEMA and State Civil Defense to document damages and losses to DPR facilities.

CDL Drug and Alcohol Testing

The department had an average of 70 employees with Commercial Driver Licenses (CDL). These employees are subject to a federally mandated Random Alcohol and Drug Testing Program. Administering the program involves coordinating appointments for random testing, coordinating with a substance abuse professional for individuals testing positive, scheduled return to work drug testing, and conducting follow-up testing. New CDL drivers are scheduled for pre-employment drug testing and then placed in a pool for random drug and /or alcohol testing.

HGEA Drug and Alcohol Testing

HGEA drug and alcohol testing began in fiscal year 2006.

Driver Training Section

Four hundred and nine department employees completed one or more department training program(s) that includes Defensive Driver Training, Driver Improvement Programs, CDL Up-Grades, Forklift Training, Van Driver Training and

Training included safety management of new heavy equipment haulers.

Equipment Operator Training and Truck Trailer Operation Training.

TRAINING PROGRAMS

<u>Program</u>	No. of Courses	No. of Employees	<u>Training Hours</u>
Driver Improvement	6	130	520
15-Passenger Van	9	205	820
Driver License Upgrade	2	6	696
Employee Trained on Equipment			

DRIVER EVALUATION

	No. of Employees	No. of Hours
CDL/Type 4	130	260
15-Passenger Van Driver	205	125

2005-2006 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

	No. of A	No. of Accidents		Avoidable		Unavoidable	
	FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06	
CDL Drivers	6	6	3	4	3	2	
Non CDL Drivers	12	16	9	12	3	4	
Total	18	22	12	16	6	6	

Equipment Inspections

This section also conducted 109 inspections of department vehicles and equipment.

DIVISION OF URBAN FORESTRY

The division consists of an administrative staff and two branches: Horticulture Services and Honolulu Botanical Gardens. There are two International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborists in administration. The administrator is an American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA) registered consulting arborist, one of only two in the State of Hawaii.

HORTICULTURE SERVICES BRANCH

This branch propagates, plants, prunes, waters, and maintains shade trees, concrete planters, and other ornamental plants cultivated along public roadways and in parks and malls; provides specialized horticultural and arboricultural services for an island-wide beautification program; reviews and inspects subdivision plans, street tree plantings, park dedication and other construction plans; issues permits on special requests for planting, pruning, relocating and removing of street trees; clears trees obstructing street lights, utility lines, traffic devices and rights-of-way from hazardous branches; provides 24-hour response for tree emergencies that block streets and damage property; supervises contractual tree work; grows and maintains plants for beautification projects, public gardens, and for use in municipal buildings, at city functions and city-sponsored events; develops field-grown specimen trees for city projects; conducts an evaluation, selection and testing program to develop plant materials useful for these purposes; protects and preserves valuable existing trees from displacement or destruction in city and other governmental agency construction projects; and stores large specimen trees displaced by private developments or donated by homeowners as a community preservation measure.

The branch is responsible for grounds maintenance at the Honolulu Civic Center and Honolulu Police Department Headquarters grounds and parking lot and provides support and grounds restoration for major events held at the Civic Center. There are nine members of the Horticulture Services staff who are ISA Certified Arborists and 10 staff members who are ISA Certified Tree Workers. One staff member is also an Associated Landscape Contractors of America (ALCA) Certified Landscape Technician.

Statistical highlights of major activities include:

1.	Trees Pruned	44,386
2.	Trees Planted	127
3.	Trees Removed	1,054
4.	Trees Root-Pruned	192
5.	Young Trees Pruned/Restaked	954
6.	Large Trees Relocated	29
7.	Potted Plants Loaned Out	3,280
8.	Plant Change	369
9.	Color Bowl Change	2,997
10.	Shrubs Planted	2,540
11.	Sod and Groundcovers Planted (ft2)	9.625

The branch operates five nurseries and tree farms at Kapiolani, Nuuanu, Waipahu Depot Road, Kualoa and Waiawa with a total inventory of approximately 3,502 large trees.

Following the mayor's plan to protect and enhance our urban environment, the branch implemented beautification projects with volunteers and community groups and continued with landscaping Waikiki streets and sidewalks, including maintenance of streetlight hanging baskets. Significant mayor's beautification projects completed include Ulehawa Beach Park – Rocky Point, Kuilei Cliffs Beach Park, Kuhio Beach, Ala Moana Boulevard Medial, Pali Highway Medial, Waikiki Kalakaua Gateway, Honolulu Civic Center, Queen Kapiolani Flower Garden and Aina Moana Beach Park.

Twenty-one new developments accounted for 1,608 street trees planted by private developers, including trees that are required by the city for new developments. This number is significantly higher than the previous year's total of 1,124 trees planted. These street trees have been or will be dedicated to the city and this branch will then assume responsibility for their maintenance.

Over 3,000 potted plants were provided for various city offices and city-sponsored events which include: Rediscover Hawaii - Sunset in the Park, Taste of Honolulu, Hawaii Book and Music Festival, Lei Day Celebration, Korean Festival, The Salvation Army's Annual Thanksgiving Celebration, the Senior Citizen's Annual Valentine's Dance and Summer Fun finales at various city parks.

HONOLULU BOTANICAL GARDENS

The Honolulu Botanical Gardens (HBG) is comprised of five botanical gardens that cover approximately 650 acres: Foster (14 acres), Ho'omaluhia (400 acres), Koko Crater (200 acres), Lili'uokalani (7 Ω acres) and Wahiawa (27 acres). The documented plants in the HBG represent a living collection of considerable scientific and educational value. The collection is focused on a diversity of plants from tropical and subtropical areas of the world. There are currently 17,444 plant accessions documented in the botanical gardens' database, BG-Base.

The plant collections and grounds are maintained through high horticultural standards, including selection of appropriate plants for planting at the various garden sites, corrective pruning, integrated pest management and removal of poor as well as hazardous specimens.

This year the HBG began developing a strategic plan with the help of facilitator Dr. Phyllis Horner. After completing a benchmark survey and soliciting/receiving input from peer institutions, community groups, support organization, volunteers, staff and visitors, Dr. Horner met several times with staff to develop a plan to help guide the HBG over the next three to five years. A final report will be completed next year.

Collections Management

A Collections Policy for the Honolulu Botanical Gardens has been in place since February 1998. The purpose of this document is to guide the acquisition, development and management of the living collections of the HBG and the associated non-living collections, following the goals set forth in the mission statement. The mission of the HBG is to plan, develop, curate, maintain and study documented collections of tropical plants in an aesthetic setting for the purposes of conservation, botany, horticulture, education and passive recreation.

The plant collections continued to be diversified, with a focus on the African and Tropical American species being planted primarily at Hoʻomaluhia and Koko Crater Botanical Gardens.

Notable new plant collections for the year also include mission grapes, thought to be the same variety that was planted in King Kamehameha's private vineyard along Vineyard Blvd.; rare succulent plants from Madagascar, a variety of bamboo from around the world; jewel orchids, cactus (*Epiphyllum* sp.) and cycads(*Encephalartos* sp.) acquired through the U.S.D.A. Plant Rescue Center.

Through cooperative efforts the Oahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC) to manage invasive plant species, the weedy *Tibouchina sp.* was removed from Wahiawa Botanical Garden, and creeping vines are being monitored at Koko Crater Botanical Garden.

Visiting professors doing research on oil-bearing seed plants as possible alternative fuel source, native Hawaiian palms, cycad research and collaborative seed collection efforts with the Center for Plant Conservation (CPC) Hawaii were among those using the plant collections with garden staff.

Visitor signage improvements were addressed this year. A graphic interpretive sign was designed and installed in the Canoe Garden at Ho'omaluhia. More interpretive signs are planned for a newly developing rainforest garden and the Hawaiian native plant section at this garden.

A generous donation from the Garden Club of Honolulu will help fund the design and manufacture of six similar graphic interpretive signs at Foster Garden. Work on the signs has started and will continue into the next fiscal year.

Another effort to improve visitor signage has been the transfer of plant labels from the ground staking system to labels attached at eye level on the trees. This is intended to improve visibility as well as reduce mechanical damage to field labels.

The HBG plant records form system was revised through a joint staff effort. The goal was to make the hard copy system user-friendly and increase the flow of information into the computer database.

In cooperation with a U.H. Manoa student working on a graduate degree, HBG staff is developing accurate new maps for the economic garden of Foster Botanical Garden and Lili'uokalani Botanical Garden, using updated technology (GPS and laser distance measurements).

Tree pruning contracts at Foster, Ho'omaluhia and Koko Crater Botanical Gardens were completed.

Foster Botanical Garden

Foster Botanical Garden (FBG), located in the heart of downtown Honolulu, is the flagship of the HBG. It is the only Botanical Garden with admission fees.

- Total revenues were \$110,706, a 13% decrease from last year. This drop was due to a 14% decrease in non-resident visitors (18,111 in 2005-2006 as opposed to 21,111 in 2004-2005) and 28% fewer family passes sold (101 in 2005-2006) and 141 in 2004-2005).
- Total visitors were 39,799, a decrease of 3% from last year.
- Of the total visitors, 2,690 were students on educational field trips, representing 77 school visitations.
- Revenues for annual passes were \$2,525.
- A total of 10 wedding ceremonies with 194 attendees and another 21 wedding photographic sessions involving 199 participants and another gathering for 150 people took place in the garden this year.
- Volunteer docents at Foster Botanical Garden provided 277 visitor tours with 1,849 participants.

Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden

Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden, located in Windward Oahu, experienced a very busy year with a record 101,556 visitors and 123 inches of rainfall!

Even with 40-plus days of rain in the spring, a variety of activities were enjoyed in this 400-acre expanse of greenery located beneath the majestic Koʻolau Mountains. Weekend camping participants totaled 11,210 camper-days; 8,647 walkers and joggers were recorded. Several school cross-country track teams practiced at Hoʻomaluhia during the year, with some late afternoons drawing 50 to 65 runners at a time. Also, one of several training events held for the Great Aloha Run was scheduled for the windward side, with 100 participants exercising at Hoʻomaluhia for that early-morning session.

Throughout the year, 3,249 students of all ages (pre-school to college level) participated in a variety of guided and self-guided learning programs. Some of the student groups participated in service projects, especially raking *elodea*, an aquatic weed, along the fishing shoreline of the lake. Student worksheets for rainforest plants at the Visitor Center trail were popular for teachers and students alike.

About 650 people visited the garden for 22 wedding events distributed throughout the year. Groups ranged from four to one-hundred plus in size.

Featured annual group art exhibits included the Windward Artists' Guild, Daunna's Art Studio, and Aloha Ho'omaluhia XXII. Many regular artist groups continued to visit the garden to sketch and paint throughout the year, rain or shine. The botanical art group continued to meet on Wednesday mornings, producing many sketches of garden plants for use in the visitor displays. Monthly art receptions ranged from 50 to 400 visitors.

Fishing continued as a popular lake shoreline event for people of all ages, with 4,354 participants recorded. The Hickam Air Force Base end-of-school year Keiki Derby drew 450 anglers, parents and volunteers. During the National Fishing Week in June, the Keiki Derby winner was a young boy who managed to catch a 10-inch small-mouth bass.

Two disc golf events were held this year with approximately 170 participants.

Horticultural events over the past year included plant sales and educational classes sponsored by the Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens (orchids, aquascaping, bamboo and 'ohia lehua) and the Certified Landscape Technicians testing and field day for Hawaii green industry members. In December, the Classic Bonsai Club began meeting monthly at the Visitor Center. Holiday wreath classes were sponsored by the HBG and FHBG in the fall.

Ho'omaluhia continues to draw a diversity of recreational users interested in the botanical collections, lake shoreline activities, and the peaceful, natural setting.

Koko Crater Botanical Garden

Visitors to this garden typically walk and explore the plant collections along the inner basin of this 200-acre dry land crater at their own pace. However, HBG staff also led guided tours to a total of 565 visitors this year.

Lili'uokalani Botanical Garden

There were 39 weddings, wedding photography, and other photography sessions at this garden, involving 352 participants. Volunteers from Lanakila Rehabilitation Center helped with raking and other maintenance on a weekly basis. Nu'uanu Stream in Lili`uokalani Botanical Garden was also cleared of debris during the months of January through May, as school and community groups pitched in to keep the area clean.

Wahiawa Botanical Garden

Construction of a beautiful, \$1.7 million Visitor Center was completed at this cool, high-elevation garden. A festive grand opening was held on February 13, 2006. Present to help mark this special celebration were Mayor Mufi Hannemann and Council Chair Donovan Dela Cruz.

Since then, numerous not-for-profit groups have been using the Visitor Center for meetings and special activities.

A new brochure for Wahiawa Botanical Garden was created by staff to reflect the new walkways, facilities and plantings that have resulted from the construction.

Education Program

The education program held 47 classes (an increase of 15 classes from 2004) and workshops on orchid and basic gardening techniques, seasonal crafts, botanical drawing, lei making and storytelling. In the fall, a Foster Craft Club member volunteered to teach a class on making turtles out of lauhala, which was very popular. A class on making lauhala ornaments will be offered in the coming year. During the year, docent training for a medicinal plants tour was developed for Foster Botanical Garden. This tour, and a tour on Dr. William Hillebrand, are offered to the public once a month.

Special garden activities planned by the HBG were the annual "Make a Difference Day," "Earth Day" and "Arbor Day," which included active participation by Kauluwela Elementary School students.

Staff also assisted the Garden Club of Honolulu with researching and locating plant material for their exhibit, "The Silk Road," held at the Honolulu Academy of the Arts.

The outreach program by botanical staff visiting schools to discuss the importance of botanical gardens and the plants that grow in them included Waldorf Elementary, Lunalilo Elementary, Aiea High School Special Education, Punahou Elementary, Kalihi Kai and the Academy of the Pacific.

Outreach by horticultural (orchid) staff this year were made to: Honolulu Gerontology Program, Pacific, Aiea, Kaimuki, Windward, and Garden Island Orchid Societies, and the Kauai Farm Bureau. Orchids in the Foster Botanical Garden collection were also exhibited in five Oahu Orchid shows.

This year, staff members who regularly contributed news articles to the <u>Honolulu Advertiser</u> wrote articles on *Catteleya* orchids, Orchids on the Internet, Orchid Shows, *Brassia* orchids, HBG's strategic plan and the Midsummer Night's Gleam.

Outreach program and news articles have resulted in increased awareness and interest in the garden's plant collections. It also helps to establish the HBG as an authority and resource for plant-related information.

HBG promotional/educational activities included distribution of garden brochures to six hotels in Waikiki and the Honolulu Airport six times during the year. This is an ongoing program.

The HBG was represented in the City and County of Honolulu's Electric Light Parade on December 3, the Mayor's Christmas Party at the Honolulu Zoo on December 10, lei demonstrations at Waimanalo District Park and May Day at Kapi'olani Park. Staff also participated in the community event "I Love Liliha."

Twilight Summer Concerts

For the seventh year, twilight summer concerts were held at Foster Botanical Garden on Thursday evenings. Additionally, Friday night and Sunday afternoon concerts were held by a visiting Yale *a capella* group. This year, an educational component was added prior to the start of each concert, where a staff member gave a short talk highlighting a significant tree growing in the botanical garden. Total attendance for the concerts was 1,134 people.



Midsummer Night's Gleam.

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On the third Saturday in July 2005, approximately 2,500 luminaries lighted Foster Botanical Garden's pathways, and the garden was open to the public for a special, free evening event. The Midsummer Night's Gleam drew over 3,200, including many families who enjoyed the late afternoon crafts and games for young children. Visitors experienced the beauty of the garden by candlelight in the evening, when activities were geared towards older children and adults. Games such as a fish pond, jungle safari, wishing tree, bubble making, and a haunted graveyard was popular with kids and adults alike. In the evening there was entertainment by the U.S. Navy Band, a bagpiper, harpist and the Golden Horde. There was delicious food and juicy watermelon for the hungry and thirsty, but many also brought their own picnic dinner to enjoy on the lawn. More than 250 volunteers and entertainers worked together to make the Gleam a successful event again this year.

Community Garden Program

This popular program continues to attract garden enthusiasts from all cultures, giving them an opportunity to grow their own vegetables, herbs and flowers and a chance to socialize with each other. There are 10 garden sites: Ala Wai, Diamond Head, Dole, Foster, Hawaii Kai, Kaneohe, Makiki, Manoa, Moiliili, and Wahiawa. The number of garden plots and size varies with each garden, but there are a total of 1,239 garden plots. Ala Wai, Manoa, Makiki and Wahiawa community gardens are sites where free mulch is available for the public.



This year, the division began updating the

Community Gardens handbook. Input by community gardeners was solicited, and a draft was completed by a staff committee. The department anticipates adopting the revised handbook in the next fiscal year.

Volunteer Program

Volunteers at all the garden sites contributed a total of 11,986 hours of their time (an increase of 1,256 hours from the previous year) to maintain and enhance the gardens. This amounts to a volunteer dollar value total of \$186,862. (This figure is based on the average hourly earnings of all production and non-supervisory workers on private non-farm payrolls, as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It also includes an estimate of fringe benefits, as determined by a coalition of nonprofits, foundations and corporations.)

Of the 11,986 hours contributed by volunteers to the HBG, 9,093 of them were at Foster, 1,839 hours at Wahiawa, 827 at Ho'omaluhia, and 227 at Koko Crater Botanical Gardens. Volunteers to the gardens served as nursery aids, plant propagators, docents, receptionists, stream cleaners, fishing coordinators, park attendants and special events assistants to our professional staff.

The total number of staff at the HBG is 37 (29 full-time and eight part-time). Volunteers provide vital support in maintaining the gardens and its numerous programs and activities.

Once a year, a volunteer appreciation luncheon is held to thank those who gave so generously of their time and expertise to the HBG. This year, it was held at Wahiawa Botanical Garden on April 6. It gave volunteers from all the HBG sites a chance to see the new facilities, tour the garden, and enjoy the food, entertainment and fun.

The Arborist Advisory Committee

The Mayor's Arborist Advisory Committee (MAAC), which facilitates the nominations, monitoring and maintenance of Exceptional Trees on O'ahu, was moved from the HBG to the Division of Urban Forestry (DUF).

PARK MAINTENANCE AND RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

The Park Maintenance and Recreation Services Division (PMRS) is responsible for the development and implementation of community recreation and leisure programs, and for maintaining recreational facilities, parks, medial strips, beach rights-of-way, traffic islands, malls, promenades and undeveloped slide areas throughout the island of Oahu.

Organized Recreation

The division's community recreation programs provided a wide range of activities for tiny tots, children, teens, adults, senior citizens and persons with disabilities at 80 recreation sites. This division serviced 57,007 registered participants during the three major program periods of summer (June-August), fall (September-December), and spring (January-May). Activities included special community events and classes in aquatics, arts and crafts, creative expression and drama, ethnic culture, games and sports, music and dance, outdoor recreation, and physical fitness.

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS IN PROGRAMS

	<u>Summer 2005</u>	<u>Fall 2005</u>	<u>Spring 2006</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tiny Tots	551	538	476	1565
Children	13,105	5798	5702	24,605
Teens	3,006	1,839	1,777	6,622
Adults	2,959	4,488	4523	11,970
Seniors	3,469	4,646	4,130	12,245
Total	23.090	17.309	16.608	57.007

EAST HONOLULU DISTRICT 1

District 1 is responsible for the development and implementations of community recreation and leisure programs and maintaining recreational facilities, parks, bike paths, medial strips, beach rights-of-way, traffic islands, promenades and undeveloped slide areas from McCully Avenue to Sandy Beach Park. District 1 is comprised of 126 areas totaling 602.82 acres of land.

TOTAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE POSITIONS:

- 127 Full-time positions
- 1 Part-time position

TOTAL RECREATION POSITIONS:

- 33 Full-time positions
- 278 Part-time positions [includes 15 cashier positions at Hanauma Bay]
- 1. The district's community recreation programs provided a wide range of activities for tiny tots, children, teens, adults, senior citizens and persons with disabilities at 20 recreational sites. District serviced 12,324 registered participants during the three major program periods: summer, fall and spring. Activities included special community events and classes in aquatics, arts and crafts, sports and games, music, dance, drama, outdoor recreation, ocean recreation, physical fitness and ethnic culture.

The Summer Fun Program was offered at 12 sites with 1,955 children enrolled. The Summer Plus Program was offered at nine areas this summer (Aina Haina Community Park, Kahala Community Park, Kaimuki Community Park, Kamilo Iki Community Park, Kanewai Community Park, Koko Head District Park, Manoa Valley District Park, Paki Community Park and Wilson Community Park). Three of the areas offered both morning and afternoon care. One site (Palolo Valley District Park) offered the Summer Food Service Program, which served 1,015 lunches.



Recreational activities.

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS IN PROGRAMS

	Summer 2005	Fall 2005	Spring 2006	<u>Total</u>
Tiny Tots	143	194	192	529
Children	2,189	1,639	1,487	5,315
Teens	856	128	193	1177
Adults	910	1,325	913	3,148
Seniors	977	1,048	912	2,937
Total	5,075	4,334	3,697	13,106

Special District activities included holiday events such as Easter egg hunts, family activities, Halloween costume contests, Christmas programs, as well as teen activities and excursions which included several community service projects. Classes in aquatics, arts and crafts, music and dance, ethnic culture, cooking, outdoor recreation, physical fitness and sports were held at 16 facilities.

2. The park maintenance program services all the parks from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday–Friday and Saturday/Sunday, 6:30-10:30 a.m. At Kapiolani Park/Kuhio Beach, the program operates seven days a week, from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

HANAUMA BAY NATURE PRESERVE ATTENDANCE FOR 2005-2006:

<u>Month</u>	Non-Resident Visitors	ResidentVisitors	Permits Holders & Guests	Total Visitors
JULY	86,482	12,511	2,133	101,126
AUG	85,242	9,464	1,956	96,662
SEPT	56, 575	6,001	2,002	64,578
OCT	55,656	6,342	1,960	63,958
NOV	52,270	5,677	2,127	60,074
DEC	61,106	6,443	2,451	70,000
JAN	51,775	5,971	2,302	60,048
FEB	46,352	4,620	2,326	53,298
MARCH	51,469	4,063	2,271	57,803
APRIL	53,930	5,786	11,483	71,199
MAY	55,021	7,457	2,918	65,396
JUNE	68,845	9,203	4,422	82,470
TOTAL	733,723	84,438	28,451	846,612

3. Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve's annual attendance for 2005-2006 was 846,612, of which 12% were Hawaii residents.



Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve.

WEST HONOLULU DISTRICT II

District II is responsible for the development and implementation of community recreation and leisure programs and for inspecting and maintaining park facilities, including beach parks, district parks, community parks, neighborhood parks, mini parks, malls, parking lots, promenades, traffic islands and medians in the geographical boundary, which extends from Punahou Street/ Ala Moana Regional Park in the east to Aiea District Park in the west. District II comprises 68 areas totaling 545.03 acres of land.

TOTAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE POSITIONS:

- 85 Full-time positions
- 7 Part-time positions

TOTAL RECREATION POSITIONS:

- 33 Full-time positions
- 183 Part-time positions



Track and Field.

Accomplishments

- 1. Throughout the year, Ala Moana Regional Park was used for various cultural events run by community organizations, such as the Dragon Boat Race, Salsa Thon, Greek Festival, Gay Pride Festival, Micronesian Elections, Portuguese Festivals, and Aloha Week Festival. It also hosted various canoe and surf events, charity walks, parades, marathons, and triathlons. In December the Honolulu Marathon used the park as the starting point, with approximately 35,000 runners using the park in the early morning hours to prepare for the race. The July 4th three-day weekend drew over 50,000 visitors to see the fireworks display that was sponsored by the business association at the Ala Moana Shopping Center. Every three-day weekend during the year adds to the number of family picnics and other large group activities using this park. Ala Moana Regional Park attracts about two million visitors each year.
- 2. The department successfully implemented night closure hours from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. at Ala Moana Regional Park, following a trial period of over a month and including a three-day complete closure for major repairs and maintenance.
- 3. Ala Moana Regional Park hosted the Honolulu Centennial Festival, a carnival celebration of the 100th birthday of the City and County of Honolulu. It was the first carnival event held at the park in many years and was a great success.
- 4. Keehi Lagoon Beach Park hosted canoe regattas, major cultural events (i.e. the State Canoe Regatta, Samoa Mo Samoa 2005 and Samoan Flag Day 2005) and various sports activities (i.e. tennis, cricket, and softball). The largest events drew approximately 10,000 people each.
- 5. The partnership with Unity House, Inc., a nonprofit organization, continued at Pauahi Recreation Center. The joint operation of the facility has improved services to the community, particularly for senior citizens.
- 6. Construction projects were ongoing throughout the district to renovate and/or upgrade facilities for the benefit of the surrounding communities (e.g. field renovations at Salt Lake District Park and Ala Puumalu Community Park, roof repairs at Halawa District Park, outdoor playcourt renovations at Halawa District Park, etc.). Pele Street Mini Park was completed in the neighborhood just off of Punchbowl Street near the H1 Freeway.
- 7. Child care facilities operated at six parks in the district; Dole Community Park, Kamehameha Community Park, Lanakila District Park, Kauluwela Community Park, and Halawa District Park. District recreation and maintenance personnel worked cooperatively with child care providers to support these programs in conjunction with regular recreational programs.
- 8. The district was home to the "In-Motion Program" much of the year, providing an office space and use of facilities at Fern Community Park and Kalihi Valley Swimming Pool. District recreation staff at Kalihi Valley Swimming Pool worked closely with the In-Motion staff to support the "Healthy Hawaii Initiative" in partnership with the State Department of Education Farrington School Complex.
- 9. Youth programs were active at Kalihi Valley District Park. Organizations from the Kalihi Valley community such as Kaewai Elementary School, Dole Middle School, the Police Activities League, Kokua Kalihi Valley, Kalihi Young Men's Christian Association, Parents and Children Together, Kalakaua Athletic Club, Kalihi Valley Athletic Club, and department staff held discussions and networked to share ideas and resources for the purpose of improving and expanding recreational and social services for the youth and their families in this high-impact area. Making optimum use of the Kalihi Valley District Park and other department facilities in the Kalihi community is a priority.
- 10. The district's community recreation programs provided a wide range of activities for tiny tots, children, teens, adults, senior citizens and persons with disabilities at 20 recreational sites. District II serviced 9,542 registered participants during the three major program periods: summer, fall and spring. Activities included special community events and classes in aquatics, arts and crafts, sports and games, music, dance, drama, outdoor recreation, ocean recreation, physical fitness and ethnic culture.
- 11. The Summer Fun Program was offered at 16 sites with 4118 children enrolled. The Summer Plus Program was offered at two areas this summer (Booth District Park, Halawa District Park and Moanalua Community Park). The programs offered both morning and afternoon care. Nine areas offered the Summer Food Service Program, which served lunches to many children who might not otherwise be able to eat healthy, balanced lunches, or any lunches at all due to their families' economic situations.

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS IN PROGRAMS

	<u>Summer 2005</u>	Fall 2005	Spring 2006	<u>Total</u>
Tiny Tots	81	36	27	144
Children	2,655	721	742	4,118
Teens	673	435	418	1,526
Adults	627	1058	872	2,557
Seniors	613	1,285	1,138	3,036
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Special District activities included holiday events such as Easter Egg Hunts, family activities, Halloween Costume Contests, and Christmas Programs. There were teen excursions, and a Teen Family Camp held at Kualoa Regional Park, where families enjoyed activities encouraging inter-generational interaction and cooperation. Classes in aquatics, arts and crafts, music and dance, ethnic culture, cooking, outdoor recreation, physical fitness and sports were held at 20 facilities. Before- and After-Summer Fun care was provided at Booth District Park, Halawa District Park and Moanalua Community Park from 6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., serving a total of 206 children.

LEEWARD OAHU DISTRICT III

The Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Division's District III is responsible for the development and implementations of community recreation and leisure programs, and for maintaining recreational facilities, parks, medial strips, beach right-of-ways and traffic islands west of Kaonohi Street in Aiea, out to the tip of Kaena Point on the Leeward Coast, and up to Whitmore Village in Central Oahu. District III has 107 parks, right-of-ways, and traffic-related areas totaling 1,101 acres of parkland.

Total Full-time Grounds Maintenance Positions: 113 positions

Total Full-time Recreation Positions: 42 positions

Accomplishments

The Summer Fun Program was offered at 20 sites with 3,834 children enrolled. The Summer Plus Program was offered at three areas this summer (Pearl City District Park, Mililani District Park and Makakilo Community Park). Two of the areas offered both morning and afternoon care. Nine areas offered the Summer Food Service Program, which served 27,544 lunches.

1. The District's community recreation programs provided a wide range of activities for tiny tots, children, teens, adults, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities at 26 recreation sites. This district serviced 18,844 registered participants during the three major program periods of summer (June-August), fall (September-December), and spring (January-May). Activities included classes in aquatics, arts and crafts, creative expressions and drama, ethnic culture, games and sports, music and dance, outdoor recreation, and physical fitness. Seasonal special events were planned and organized in all communities. These ranged from Halloween and Christmas Events to Easter Egg Hunts. Participants of all ages enjoyed these events. Special events for teens and pre-teens were specifically planned for this age group to provide them with wholesome, worthwhile, fun activities. Some of the activities were TNT (Tomorrows New Teens), District Olympics, Teen Cosmic Bowling, Teen Volleyball Tournament, TNT Beach Fest, Hawaiian Waters Adventure, Teen Dances, Fall and Spring Fishing Derby and Fall and Spring Archery Tournament.

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS IN PROGRAMS

	Summer 2005	Fall 2005	Spring 2006	<u>Total</u>
Tiny Tots	160	195	190	545
Children	4,990	2,164	2,455	9,609
Teens	830	1,075	1,038	2,943
Adults	450	934	1,124	2,508
Seniors	900	1,207	1,132	3,239
Totals	7,330	5,575	5,939	18,844

- 2. 21st Century Community Learning Centers: Waipahu Complex; Hoaeae Community Park, Project Ho'omana, Crestview Community Park, Waipahu District Park and Pool continue their collaboration with DOE on expanding programming and enhancing programming during the non-school hours. With the second go-around of funding for the WaipahuComplex Schools, all five elementary schools, the intermediate school, and the high school are now offering some kind of after-school activities that involves DPR's Waipahu Complex. This opportunity provides for innovative and non-traditional programming during the summer intersession and school year. Recreation directors are participants in an advisory council that meet quarterly to discuss project progress, plans for sustainability, expanding partnership, and program development.
- 3. Project Hoʻomana, Waipahu Complex's program that addresses Youth At-Risk issues, receives funds through a grant from the Office of Youth Services to provide prevention and early intervention programming for youth at risk for gang involvement and violent behavior. Their V.E.G.A. (Violent Education and Gang Awareness) curriculum interacted with students through various physical education classes. V.E.G.A.'s after-school classes on the campus of Waipahu Intermediate School remains strong. Existing programs at the intermediate and high school have increased the number of youth being served and also helps to expand the number of youth who serve the community through various service projects. Project Hoʻomana educated other local and national recreation communities about their programming and ability to partner with state and community agencies to provide recreational activities for youth in the Waipahu area. Hoʻomana staff addressed the Hawaii Recreation and Parks Association

Annual State Conference in May 2006 and received an invitation to present a similar session at the National Recreation and Park Association Congress October 2006 in Seattle. It has also revitalized the Teen Zone in the Park at Waipahu District Park by offering drop-in activities for youth who frequent the park.

- 4. Waipahu Complex has also become involved in a newly formed Waipahu Community Coalition that addresses the well-being and recreational opportunities of the youth and their families from the Pupu and Ani Ani areas of Waipahu.
- Waianae Complex continues to work with all DOE schools and the Police Activities League coordinated basketball, volleyball and flag football leagues for various age groups along the Leeward Coast.
- 6. Mililani Complex continued responding to the need for intersession programs in the Mililani area by offering an eight-hour a day, week-long program in March and January. The program ran from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. One hundred fifteen children were registered at a fee of \$35 per child.



Project Hoomana participants.

- 7. Makakilo Neighborhood Park Pool implemented a free life guarding program for disadvantaged high school students within the Ewa and Kapolei School Districts. A grant from the Offices of Youth Services provided funding for this program intended to provide these disadvantaged high school students with opportunities for higher-paying employment once they complete their training.
- 8. Ewa Beach Community Association provided funding for bus transportation for the Ewa Hui Aloha Senior Citizen Club. This allowed the Ewa Hui Aloha Senior Citizen Club to take monthly (sometimes twice a month) excursions to remote locations otherwise inaccessible to them by public transportation. This has increased the quality of life for the Ewa Hui Aloha Seniors.
- 9. Ewa Beach Community Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation provided financial assistance (t-shirts, excursion and activities fees) for the Ewa Summer Fun Junior Leader volunteers. With this funding there was an increase in the number of volunteers who helped with additional supervision of our Summer Fun participants.
- DPR continues a joint use agreement with the Navy to utilize two field complexes (Pride and Pointer) at the Kalaeloa Naval Base.

DISTRICT IV

District IV is responsible for maintaining recreational facilities, parks, bike paths, medial strips, beach rights-of-way, traffic islands, promenades and undeveloped slide areas from Makapuu to Mokuleia. District IV is comprised of 82 areas totaling 2,070 acres of land.

Total Grounds Maintenance Positions:

- 86 Full-time positions
- 1 Part-time positions

Total Recreation Positions:

- 32 Full-time positions
- 230 Part-time positions

Accomplishments (Recreation)

 The Summer Fun Program was offered at 14 sites with 1,671 children enrolled. The Summer Plus (before and after care) was offered at 5 locations; Lanikai, Kainalu, Ben Parker, Heeia and Ahuimanu, Eight areas offered the Summer Food



Na Keiki Hoolaulea.

Ahuimanu. Eight areas offered the Summer Food Service Program; Waimanalo DP, Waimanalo BP, Ben Parker, Kahaluu, Hauula, Kahuku, Laie and Waialua DP.

Two Enrichment programs were offered this summer; Kaneohe District Park and Kailua District Park, offering a variety of classes for adults and children from arts and crafts to physical fitness activities.

Kaneohe Community & Senior Center partnered with Windward School for Adult to provide a variety of recreational programs for senior citizens.

Waimanalo Complex, along with our Ocean Recreation Specialist, assisted Hui Malama O Ke Kai (community program for sixth and seventh graders) in providing a variety of ocean recreation activities focused on building self esteem, learning and caring for the environment, health and well being.

Kaneohe Complex partnered with 96744, a community organization promoting the 5 Rs (Respect, Resiliency, Responsibility, Resourcefulness and Relationships) and the DOE to reinforce values taught in school at the park.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS IN DIRECTED PROGRAMS

	<u>Summer 2005</u>	<u>Fall 2005</u>	<u>Spring 2006</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tiny Tots	143	67	109	319
Children	2524	1116	1274	4914
Teens	546	165	201	912
Adults	916	1640	384	2940
Senior Citizens	385	948	1202	2535
TOTAL	4514	3936	3170	11620

2. The district's community recreation programs provided a wide range of activities for tiny tots, children, teens, adults, senior citizens and persons with disabilities at 22 recreational sites. District serviced 11,620 registered participants during the three major program periods: summer, fall and spring. Activities included special community events and classes in aquatics, arts and crafts, sports and games, music, dance, drama, outdoor recreation, ocean recreation, physical fitness and ethnic culture.

DISTRICT V - CENTRAL OAHU REGIONAL PARK, WAIPIO PENINSULA SOCCER COMPLEX, HANS L'ORANGE BASEBALL FIELD

The Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Division's District V is responsible for the coordination of local, national and international sports tournaments, community recreation and leisure programs, and for maintaining sports facilities. District V has the Waipio Peninsula Soccer Complex (WPSC), Central Oahu Regional Park (CORP) and Hans L'Orange Baseball Field (HLBF). WPSC is 175 acres with 20 soccer fields, one lighted stadium field w/ locker room and restroom facilities. CORP is 269 acres with 3 regulation and one warm-up adult baseball fields; four softball fields, four youth baseball fields, five multi-purpose fields, 20 court tennis facility, archery range and the aquatic center which opened in September 2005.

Total Full-time Grounds Maintenance Positions: 26 Total Full-time Management Positions: 4



Central Oahu Regional Park.

Accomplishments

1. The University of Hawaii Wahine Soccer Team played their fifth season of home games at the WPSC stadium. A total of 15 intercollegiate matches were held.

The Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) staged the Girls State Championships in February with teams from all the islands participating.

Both youth – AYSO and HYSA- as well as adult leagues made full use of the complex on weekends throughout the year. HYSA sponsored the Olympic Development Program. The adult soccer leagues - the Women's Island Soccer Association (WISA), the Men's Island Soccer Organization (MISO) and the Hawaii Rangers Soccer League staged tournaments throughout the year, including the Pacific Cup, the Tide Cup, Kirk Banks, HYSA State Championships, AYSO Rainbow, HYSA Hawaii International Cup, and the Veteran's Cup, drawing both mainland and international teams.

- 2. Central Oahu Regional Park: There are six adult baseball leagues, 4 youth baseball leagues, 12 softball leagues, and 1 adult soccer league that use the park throughout the year. In addition there are 2 youth football leagues and a mixed Lacrosse league that practice at the park. Tournaments throughout the year include: Kids World Series Baseball, ASA Softball Regional, Little League, PONY, Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth Regional, Family Stone High School Alumni Softball tournament which involved 90 games over five days. Two Korean professional baseball teams also trained at the park in January, February and March.
- 3. Hans L'Orange field is managed by staff from CORP. Phase I of the master development plan has been completed, which included upgrading of field lights.
 - Phase 2 of the master plan includes completion of the field lights, new scoreboard and additional parking. Hawaii Pacific University played some home games at the park during the year. Little League, American Legion, High School Leagues and adult leagues used the park's lighted baseball field.
- 4. The Hawaii Pacific Tennis Foundation (HPTF) continued to manage the Tennis facility. The HPTF offers programs for youth and adults and organizes tournaments and leagues throughout the year. The HHSAA used the tennis facility for the Boys and Girls State High School Championships in 2005. The United States Tennis Association (USTA) National 18 under juniors were played at the complex in February.
- 5. The Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center was opened in September 2005. The facility includes a moveable bulkhead and its depth is three meters. The length is 50 meters with a dive well which includes two one-meter and two three-meter springboards. The moveable bulkheads provide for long course and short course swim competition and water polo events.



MSS crew.

MAINTENANCE SUPPORT SERVICES

The Maintenance Support Services Branch (MSS) is under the direction of the Park Maintenance and Recreation Services Division. MSS is responsible for providing major repair and/or replacement services to Parks Department buildings, ground facilities and equipment island-wide. It executes maintenance operations to construct, repair, renovate and service park buildings, grounds, equipment and other recreational facilities. MSS provides heavy construction equipment assistance in pushing sand at all beaches in addition to assisting the trade group in digging for major water leaks. The fertilizer, herbicide, vector control and utility crew support over 400 requests to eradicate bees, rats and ants. They have built out ballfields filled asphalt pothole and have been the "Jack of all trades" in keeping the parks in proper repair. They also pressure wash and assisted hundreds of bathrooms to be kept clean

throughout the year. In our Work Program section, contracts maintenance and repair projects for elevator and gymnasium repair such as backboards, and bleachers. Playground equipment and termite control are also administered by this section. The trade program our mainstay in maintaining and repairing an aging inventory of facilities has done an admirable job of fixing and maintaining many of our buildings. The constant request for lock repair and rekeying of facilities is matched by the number of requests for repairs to chain link fencing and increased number of security cattle gates being fabricated has overwhelmed our welding section. However they have been able to maintain many key projects. Vandalism has been a major concern over the years and the painting section has had over 145 vandalism responses throughout the year while doing another 278 painting work orders. The plumbing section also is an area that has been besieged with work orders. Over 900 requests to fix various plumbing problems from vandalism of toilets to stuck drains to broken water line and missing irrigation heads are common everyday work orders that are addressed by the plumbing section. In addition MSS supervisors and personnel evaluates existing programs by compiling and analyzing statistical data, researching and evaluating new methods, techniques, equipment and materials to improve overall efficiency and service to the division's maintenance and repair program.

Total Maintenance Support Services Positions: 67 Full-time positions

Accomplishments

1. The following is a summary of work orders completed by the mechanical repair, trades, heavy equipment, utility, chemical and labor crews and work program coordinator in fiscal year 2005-2006.

COMPLETED REQUESTS FROM TRADES AND SECTIONS

Carpentry	402
Electrical	100
Masonry	149
Painting/Signs	423
Plumbing/Sprinkler	902
Welding	88
Work Program	55
Grounds Improvement	480
Heavy Equipment	221
Mechanical Repair	1,099

- 2. A major undertaking by the MSS branch was the reconstruction of Aina Moana (Magic Island) stonewall and walking path that was undermined by tidal waters at the lagoon area. Our masons and construction equipment operators worked for several weeks to stabilize the area and make it safe for park users to again enjoy.
- 3. Another project that involved MSS personnel was the complete restoration of Oneula comfort station in Ewa, involving carpenters, painters, plumbers, and ground maintenance personnel to completely give the facility a new cleaner look. It started with a new roof to the changing of all plumbing fixtures, a complete inside and outside paint job, and a high pressure cleaning of the floors.

RECREATION SUPPORT SERVICES

Recreation Support Services (RSS) of the Park Maintenance and Recreation Services Division provides program support and in-service training for district recreation staff in specialized areas such as sports and aquatics, culture and arts, children and youth, special services and senior citizens. Staff coordinated various special events throughout the year in addition to regularly scheduled tournaments, contests and clinics.

Total Recreation Positions:

- 21 Full-time positions
- 45 Part-time positions

Accomplishments

- 1. Adopt-A-Park Program
 - a. The Adopt-A-Park Program enlists public and private organizations and individuals to volunteer their services to partially maintain park facilities. Sixteen new adoptions were added this year for a total of 267 active park adoptions.
 - b. The community service volunteer program assists and coordinates cleanups and beautification projects during the year for all districts. Major projects include "Make a Difference Day," "Get the Drift and Bag It," "Fourth of July," "Labor Day," and "Keep Hawaii Beautiful." These community-wide projects have generated over 8,200 volunteers who contributed over 26,000 hours of community service projects in beach and litter cleanups during fiscal year 2005-2006.

2. Children And Youth Unit

- a. The Children and Youth (CY) Unit of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) continues to seek grant opportunities, research new programming and provide support and training for DPR staff. Listed are some of the highlights:
 - 1) Grants DPR was awarded \$48,260 by the State of Hawaii, Office of Youth Services (OYS) to conduct community-based prevention services that target "at-risk youth" for gang involvement and delinquent behavior within two of Oahu's communities (Ewa Beach and Waipahu).
 - 2) The Ewa Complex Lifeguard Program, developed by the Ewa Complex of District III is a vocational lifeguarding program conducted at Makakilo and Waikele Swimming Pools reaching out to the youth in the Ewa Beach, Waipahu and Waianae Coast communities.
 - 3) Project Hoomana, a program developed by the Waipahu Complex of District III is included in this grant funding. The program is conducted on the campuses of Waipahu Intermediate and High Schools. The program is a collaborative effort with the Department of Education (DOE) and other community organizations. The program is run year-round and is a vital resource for the youth of Waipahu.

b. Special Events:

- 1) The CY Unit and staff committee coordinated DPR's participation in the 2005 Children and Youth Day in October. The event was held on the grounds of the State Capitol and kicked off Children and Youth Month. DPR participated with many community organizations providing over 150 activities to the approximately 30,000 people in attendance.
- 2) In March, the first Fishing Derby was held at Ala Moana Park. There were over 80 youths from all parts of Oahu (10 17 years of age) who participated. Staff was responsible to coordinate and oversee the catch and release activity. Donations and prizes were distributed to the participants in various categories. The event was a success and fun for all.

c. Training:

- 1) This year the CY Unit developed and coordinated a series of training for new Recreation Directors and those who had not run a Summer Fun program. The training covered various topics to support the Directors in being successful in their positions. The training topics included: Welcome to the DPR, Planning, the inclusion process, Child Development, Leadership, Working with Teens and Beach Excursions.
- 2) DPR provided support for the 2006 Community Action Seminar (CAS) held in March at Kamehameha School's Kapalama Campus. The CAS is presented by the Department of the Attorney General's office. The staff facilitated community groups, both adult and youth groups to formulate action plans to combat underage drinking, drugs and youth gangs in their communities. This was the first year a youth track was a part of the seminar.
- 3) DPR staff attended the 2006 Youth Gang Response System (YGRS) Conference presented by the OYS. The conference focused on "The Circle of Courage: Reclaiming Youth at Risk". This all day workshop was led by Dr. Larry Bendtro, and provided information and an understanding of how youth are seeking to fulfill four core needs Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity.

3. Healthy Hawaii Initiative Grant

In April 2002, DPR launched the State of Hawaii, Department of Health (DOH), Healthy Hawaii Initiative Grant—In-motion program. \$248,000 of the grant money covered the vast majority of project expenses. The purpose of the grant is to increase physical activity in the urban core by utilizing existing Department of Education (DOE) facilities—Farrington High School. Obesity is a serious problem in Hawai'i, and this project attempts to address this problem in two ways:

- a. Provide fun and accessible physical activities;
- b. Increase the number of safe facilities for students and community members to use for physical activity.

A major requirement of the grant was the completion of a joint use agreement between the DPR and DOE. DPR has completed this agreement.

In 2005-06 we focused on increasing participation in our physical activities at Farrington High School (FHS). At the end of May, 716 adults and teenagers had registered in the program. According to class surveys at the end of May 2006, 89% felt that the in-motion program helped them exercise more.

With regard to two important indicators that affect levels of physical activity — a safe place to exercise and feeling capable of exercising — 90% of the participants felt they had a safe place and 83% felt they could exercise for 30 minutes on most days.

4. People's Open Market Program

The People's Open Market (POM) program was established in November 1973. The overall purposes of the program are:

- To provide the public, especially the less affluent residents, the opportunity to purchase low cost fresh agricultural and aquaculture products and other food items.
- b. To support the economic viability of diversified agriculture and aquaculture in our State by providing market sites where the State's farmers and fisherman or their representatives are encouraged to sell their surplus and/or off-grade products, and
- c. To provide focal points for residents to socialize. Vendors must be registered in the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) program and are required to accept food stamps. The Department



People's Open Market - established in 1973.

of Parks and Recreation provides the staff and sites. The staff monitors the program in accordance with a set of rules and regulations adopted at public hearings.

AVERAGE WEEKLY CUSTOMER COUNT

	No. of Sites/Week	Average No. of Customers/Week
Sunday	3	2,261
Monday	4	552
Tuesday	4	4,044
Wednesday	3	1,863
	3	
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Saturday	5	5,211
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Highlights In The Year

A total of 763,374 people were attracted to the 25 market sites during the fiscal year 2005 - 2006, a decrease from last year's count of 867,095. The POM attendance numbers indicate that the program is alive and well and is fulfilling its primary purpose of aiding and promoting diversified agriculture, providing low cost produce to Oahu's citizens and tourists and having a focal point where people of a community can gather and talk story.

The Kalihi Kai site had the highest average number of patrons (2,770 each week) and the Mother Waldron site the lowest (43 each week).

There has been a consistent decline in EBT transactions each fiscal year. A total of \$2,740 was collected in the markets, a decrease from last year's total of \$6,543.

5. Senior Citizens Program

The Senior Citizen Section of the Department of Parks and Recreation has maintained a year round schedule of activities and special events for over 5,000 senior citizens (55 years and older) in the City and County of Honolulu. The Department's District recreation staff advised 42 senior clubs (island wide) and assists the Senior Citizen Section with City wide events like the annual Mayor's Cultural Festival and Crafts Fair and the Seniors Valentine Dance at the NBC Exhibition Hall.

By 2020, Hawaii's 85+ age group is projected to increase by 242%, the second fastest growth rate in the nation, behind Nevada (Statistics from "Hawaii's Older Adults", produced by the Executive Office on Aging, State of Hawaii). Programming challenges for the senior section staff are in providing new and innovative approaches in providing challenging recreational opportunities to meet the needs of the "baby boomer" generation while servicing the multi generation of seniors.

6. Sports And Aquatics Section

There were over 600 aquatics classes, including first aid and CPR, held for children, teens, adults, seniors and special population at the 20 swimming pools island-wide.

7. Therapeutic Recreation Unit

a. Vision Statement:

The Therapeutic Recreation Unit (TRU) and the Department of Parks and Recreation recognize that access to recreation is the right of all people. We support the development of inclusive parks and programs which enhance the quality of life in our community. It is our vision to play a vital role in making parks and recreation an integral part of our community life. We celebrate the differences in individuals as we learn from the past, participate in the present and prepare for the future. Our dream is to have inclusive parks where people can



Seniors softball.

choose from a well balanced variety of accessible activities with people who are accepting of the diversity of one another. We advocate with people with disabilities to participate and have fun in recreation as we all pursue health and active life styles.

Through this vision, we will create an inclusive agency.

b. Mission Statement:

The mission of the Therapeutic Recreation Unit is to provide support to the Department of Parks and Recreation and to assist persons with disabilities to access parks activities.

c. Training

- 1) KIT (Kids Included Together) was offered in collaboration with Easter Seals and a grant.
- 2) LIFE (Leisure Is For Everyone) held a generic training and one for pool staff in January. Positive Discipline and Song in ASL.
- 3) Sign Language some simple signs were taught to Diamond Head Complex in March.
- 4) Positive Discipline Workskhop for Recreation Directors was held in May.
- 5) A training for Inclusion Aides was conducted in May which included all the Mandatory Training.
- 6) Summer training included:
 - Positive Discipline
 - Song in ASL (video made and placed on the N Drive).
 - KIT
- d. <u>Net working</u> Exchanging of information, be aware of changes that may affect the department, seek potential collaborations and training for DPR.
 - 1) Grant with Easter Seals the grant was extended to March and some projects will continue such as the interior design for Crane and the Leisure Coach concept.
 - 2) Aquatics The Aquatics Section and TR continues to develop procedures in aquatic settings.
 - 3) Deaf Culture Pilot project for Summer Fun 2007, develop specific training for this area.
 - 4) Non DPR Support Staff A revised policy was reviewed and approved by Corp Counsel
- e. <u>Professional Development</u> Therapeutic Recreation staff seeks out opportunities for Continuing Education in such areas as program access, inclusion, trends in the disability movement, related laws, disabilities and challenging behaviors etc.

TR staff attended NIRI (National Institute on Recreation inclusion), KIT Workshop and KIT train-the-trainers.

f. Outreach

- 1) New TR and Beach Access websites are ready to be put online.
- 2) Brochures updated and placed in PDF format.
- g. <u>Access Manual</u> The manual is being reviewed by the Department of the Corporation Counsel and should be returned to TRU by August 2006.

8. Culture And Arts Section

- a. The 65th Annual Nā Hula Festival was held on August 14, 2005 at the Queen Kapi'olani Park Bandstand. The purpose of the festival is to preserve the Hawaiian culture through Hawai'i's dance the hula. Opening the day's festivities was the Puanani Alama Hula Studio and Leilani Alama Hula Studio. The Alama sisters have been with Nā Hula Festival since its inception. The remaining performing hālau were Nā Wahine O Ka Hula Mai Ka Pu'uwai, Hālau Hula 'O Pua 'A'ala Hone, and Hālau Hula 'O Hōkūlani. There were about 300 performers and 500 people who participated in the one-day event.
- b. The 17th Annual Talk Story Festival was held on October 14-16, 2005 at McCoy Pavilion. Each of the three free nights featured eight to ten talented tellers from across the state. October 14th featured spooky stories; October 15th celebrated Kid Tales; and, October 16th offered Food For Thought. Approximately 2,500 people attended the three-day festival. 'Ōlelo and Leeward Community College students videotaped each night of performances, which was later aired on 'Ōlelo TV. Pacific Wings Airlines flew in five different tellers from the neighbor islands and they were housed by the Queen Kapi 'olani Hotel.
- c. The 79th Annual Lei Day Celebration began on March 18, 2005, with the selection of the Lei Queen and Court. Four 'Ōpio were judged on their lei making skills; hula; poise and personality; and 'Ōlelo Pelekane and 'Ōlelo Hawai'i. 'Ōlelo Hawai'i was reintroduced as part of the judging criteria in order to emphasize the importance of being able to pronounce Hawaiian correctly. A story written specifically for the event was provided with translation to each contestant two weeks prior to the event. Each contestant could read or recite the story.
 - This year's contestants were Lauren Kanoelani Chang, Sharla Kuualohapumehana Kaeo, Delys Hulalimaikalanimai Recca, and Jorena Lehuanani Young. Sharla Kuualohapumehana Kaeo was selected as lei queen. Lauren Kanoelani Chang was the first runner-up. The remaining two ladies would serve as princesses in the court.

The theme for the 79th Annual Lei Day Celebration was Nā Lei Mālamalama O Nā Kai 'Ewalu – the illuminating lei of the eight seas. This year was unique because a grant in the amount of \$40,000 was secured from the

Hawai'i Tourism Authority in partnership with Hawaiian Electric Corporation providing \$10,000, and ResortQuest Hawai'i providing \$5,000. The combined funds were used to increase interest and services towards a traditional event and further the perpetuation of the Hawaiian culture.

Lei Queen Sharla Kuualohapumehana Kaeo and Princesses Lauren Kanoelani Chang, Delys Hulalimaikalanimai Recca, and Jorena Lehuanani Young, was invested by the Honorable Mayor Mufi Hannemann, and assisted by Mike May of HECO, and Donna Wheeler of ResortQuest Hawaiʻi at the Queen Kapiʻolani Park Bandstand. The pomp and circumstance of the investiture was aided by Kumu Hinaleimoana Wong and nā haumāna of Hālau Lōkahi, Kumu Hula Hina Kamauʻu and Mr. Jason Kuahiwi Lorenzo. In addition, the solemn presentation of hoʻokupu, especially the gifts presented in an ancient style of protocol by Nā 'Ōpio O La'akona of Campbell High School touched many. The formality of the ceremony was balanced with a joyful serenade of "I Fell in Love with Honolulu" from the Mayor. The musical grouping of Charlene Kalai Campbell, Mamo Wassman, and Kenny Batungbacal provided music for the investiture ceremony.

The increase of publicity as well as the inclusion of professional entertainment did result in an increase of total attendance throughout the day. Vendors reported vibrant sales and the audience enjoyed the variety of entertainment. The mix of entertainers included the Royal Hawaiian Band; Kapena; Makaha Sons; Nā Wahine 'O Ka Hula Mai Ka Pu'uwai; Nā 'Ōpio O La'akona; Hula Hālau Nā 'Ōpio O Ko'olau; Hālau Hula 'O Hōkūlani; and, Ho'onu'a. A special visit from the Brothers Cazimero added to the day's festivities, performing "May Day is Lei Day in Hawai'i," with the Lei Queen and Princesses dancing. The Hawaiian Steel Guitar Association performed at the lei exhibit area. Approximately 6,000 attended this day-long lei celebration.

On May 1, 2006, 21 adults and 27 keiki participated in the annual lei contest, offering 85 exquisite lei entries. There was an increase in the number of lei entries from 79 to 85 lei. Eleven more keiki participated in this year's contest.

The impressive Lei Contest Exhibit attracted many interested observers evidenced by the long line waiting to view the floral creations throughout the day. Visitors could shop at the vendors selling lei as well as other Hawaiian crafts. They could also learn to make other Hawaiian craft by attending the exhibits and demonstrations throughout the day. A keiki lei-making activity center was available to keiki to learn lei etiquette as they strung lei to give away.

The closing of the 79th Annual Lei Day Celebration was held at Mauna 'Ala, the Royal Mausoleum on May 2, 2006, where lei from the lei contest/exhibit were draped on the tombs and crypts of the Ali'i. Approximately 100 people were in attendance. Lei were also draped at the tomb of King William Charles Lunalilo at Kawaiāha'o Church, by a small contingency of the 2006 lei queen, court, 2004 lei queen, the public, HECO and DPR staff.



2006 Lei Day Court.

d. The 2005 Honolulu City Lights Christmas event celebrated the City and County of Honolulu's centennial. The new sculptures for this year were four Centennial Birthday Cakes; three to be placed at Honolulu Hale, and one to be placed at Kapolei Hale. In addition to the new display pieces, the transition from house paint on the sculptures to automotive paint continued with aloha wear on the snow family. Bright festive colors were cho-

sen for their clothing with newly designed aloha print applied in custom vinyl decals. Thousands of people view these sculptures along with the main tree and Department tree displays each night from December 3, 2005 through January 2, 2006.

e. Citywide Special Events:

July 16, 2005	City-Wide Summer Teen Mixed Volleyball Tournament was held at Waipahu District Park with 8 teams, 96 participants and 100 spectators.
July 23, 2005	City-Wide Junior Lifeguard Competition as held at Kaneohe pool with 10 teams, 60 participants and about 100 spectators.
August 2-4, 2005	The 30 th Annual State Softball Tournament was hosted by the Makua Ali'i Senior Softball League of Oahu at Central Oahu Regional Park (CORP). There were five divisions with a total of 40 teams, with 13 teams and 275 participants from Oahu. We had a total of 627 participants overall.
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September 23–25, 2005	Good Life Fair was held at the Neal Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall. DPR seniors participated by doing arts and craft demonstrations, acting as docents and providing entertainment.
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November 5, 2005	City-Wide Swim Meet was held at Kailua District Park Swimming Pool. There were 10 teams with a total of 62 participants and 100 spectators
November 19, 2005	Mayor's Cultural Festival and Craft Fair - A total of 42 DPR Senior Clubs and other senior agencies participated in this event held at the Neal Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall. Approximately 3,000 in attendance.
December 3, 2005	Annual DPR-Elks Hoop Shoot (basketball free throw shooting contest) was held at the Salt Lake District Park. There were 36 (20 boys and 16 girls) DPR and school district finalists.
January 17, 2006	Advisor and Leadership Workshop was held at the McCoy Pavilion Auditorium. 125 DPR staff advisors and senior club officers participated in this year's workshop.
February 9, 2006	Senior Valentine Dance was held at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center with over 2,500 participants and 50 representatives from various senior organizations. The theme of the event was "As Time Goes By". The students from the Waldorf School's ballroom dancing classes attended.
March 16, 2006	The 15 th Annual Senior Classic Games (organized games created for seniors) was cancelled due to inclement weather. The event was rescheduled for a later date, but poor weather conditions prevailed, canceling the event this year.
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March 23, 2006	The Primetime Wellness Fair was held at the Neal Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall. DPR partnered with First Hawaiian Bank, Kuakini Hospital and HMSA to provide health related activities and information for senior participants. Staff assisted in coordinating activities throughout the day. Over 4,000 in attendance.
April 20, 2006	Try Fest (an event for seniors to try new ctivities) was held at the Manoa District Park. Over 400 participants enjoyed the activities that promoted physical activity at this event.
April 24, 2006	The Senior Recognition Program was held at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. DPR staff assisted with the program and monitored the seniors during and after the program.

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May 26, 2006	Memorial Day lei sewing project at the Makua Alii Senior Center, Kailua District Park and Waipahu District Park. Over 180 seniors sewed over 3,500 lei for the Memorial Day Ceremony at Punchbowl Cemetery.
June 14-16, 2006	The 2006 State Senior Citizens Bowling Tournament was hosted by the Kauai County's Senior Program. Over 150 bowlers from the Oahu, Kauai, Maui and Hawaii County sponsored leagues participated.

Throughout the year, there were eight city-wide tennis tournaments and events held at Diamond Head Tennis Center with a total of 725 men, 227 women and 1,250 spectators participating and six golf tournaments, five at Makalena Golf Course and one at Ewa Villages Golf Course for senior citizens, with 600 senior golfers participating.